

Regional Services Council

Region 4 Meeting

Date: September 13, 2010

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Noble County Public Library – 813 E Main St. (Hwy 8 E) Albion, IN

Meeting Chair: Steve Scott, Region 4 Manager

Meeting Secretary: Helen Garmon

Call to order

Start time: 4:00 p.m.

Roll call

Members Present:

Steve Scott
Jan Lung
Steve Weaver
Jan Vogleman
Michelle Savieo
Kelly Moorman
Angela Vachon
Judge Kramer

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Members Absent:

Judge Heuer
Judge Pratt
Cindy Scotton
Amy Richison

Non-Members Present:

TaWanda Dent
Amy Knoblock
Sue Romans
Jen Frazier
Jeff Waibel
Ginny Fenstermaker
Leah Heaston
Kristy Carsten
Millie McDonald
Brian Berghorn
Rachel Tobin-Smith

Knute Rotto
Misty Woltman
Linda Haggenjos
Blake Hudson
Maureen Prebynski
Johanna Houser
Justine Warren
Maureen Bartow
Brandy Clark
Rick Foster
Rhonda Gibson-Wills

Ken Shields
Wes Husselman
David Mullins
Kim Andrew
Amy George
Jan Williams
Debbie Branfield
Jill Hendricks
Michael Perry
Aaron Detwiler

Approval of minutes from last meeting

As read X

As corrected

Recommended Correction:

Program/Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

None

New business

Welcome

Network for Safe Families:

Rachel Tobin-Smith reviewed and discussed the following handouts/spreadsheets:

- Local Prevention Fund 07/01/09 – 06/30/10 Financial Report
- Network for Safe Families Services 07/01/09 – 06/30/10 Financial Report
- Region 4 Referrals and Enrollment
- July 2010 Year end Program Statistics
- Annual Outcomes
- FY 2011 Plan
- August 2010 Program Statistics
- Region 4 Substantiated Child Abuse Statements

Rachel asked the providers to send their billings in on time especially for the local prevention. They can't keep track of the money if the billings don't come in on time.

We spent 98.82% Local Prevention Dollars. The remaining \$10,548 Local Prevention Dollars went back to the State.

We spent 89% and left behind \$138,889 of the 1.2 Million Community Partners Dollars. They're looking at utilization to determine the amount of dollars that we're going to get next year.

CIU (hotline)

- The one thing the call center has done is taken a "point in time" look at a case. If you call a report in they look at it at this "point in time" and say, "right now is abuse or neglect happening?" If the answer is no they screen it out
- We get information back weekly
- We get all of our screen outs back so that we can look at those at the local level
- When we get a report we have the ability to up the time
- We get three different kinds of reports; ones where we will be out on sight within an hour, ones where we'll be out within 24 hours and ones that we'll be out within 5 days

Field Initiatives

Regions 1,2,3,4 have the bulk of the kids in placement (about 60% of the kids in placement for the State). The State has gone into contact with Choices Inc, Ken Shields, Director of the Dawn Project, TaWanda Dent, Provider Relations Director and Knute Rotto, CEO of Choices Inc., was present to answer questions and discuss a few key points regarding the assistance they will provide for DCS kids in placement:

- Assist in transitioning youth out of residential care and higher levels of care back into the community or back into the homes or back into lower level of care in a 6 month period
- Regions 1,2,3 and 4 will have teams of Peer Coordinators
- Choices will have an office in Fort Wayne, South Bend and Merryville, IN the Fort Wayne area (Region 4) will have a Supervisor with 4 Peer Coordinators. The South Bend area (Region 3) will have a Supervisor with 4 Peer Coordinators. The Merryville area (Regions 1 & 2) will have 2 Supervisor's with 5 Peer Coordinators
- By contract the Service Standard that's being used is called the Cross System Care Coordination Standard. This is an addendum to that contract, it's a 1 year contract serving 165 youth distributed between the 4 regions during the first 6 month period and February 2011 another 165 youth distributed between the 4 regions for the remaining 6 month period
- The goal is to transition them back to the FCMs after 6 month period, if they have a service package that is with them they'll continue to be provided that service
- Choices do not provide any other service but will coordinate care for the kids identified. They contract out for all the different services that are provided
- The target date for Choices to begin taking on families is Monday, September 20, 2010
- Providers are encouraged to visit Choices website www.choicesteam.org and email TaWanda Dent at Tdent@choicesteam.org if they have questions or are interested in contracting with Choices. TaWanda will correspond with Kendra who is currently in training and will be the Provider Relations Director for this area

Budget

There isn't a budget yet.

Provider Review

None

Next Meeting

Monday, November 8, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Peabody Public Library (260) 244-5541
1160 E. Hwy Road 205, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Public Testimony/Announcements

None.

Adjournment

With no other business meeting was adjourned.

Signatures:

Secretary Helen D. Harmon Chair [Signature]

Date 11-8-10 Date 11/8/10

Approved: hdg (secretary's initials) Date: 11-8-10